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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PAK SPEAKS OUT ON PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

BEGIN SUMMARY: PRESIDENT SHARPLY ATTACKS NORTH KOREA FOR
COLLECTIVE MURDER. END SUMMARY.

1. ON AUGUST 20, MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE SO CHONG-CHOL
READ MILITARY ACADEMY COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT PAK IN
WHICH HE DESCRIBED PANMUNJOM INCIDENT OF AUGUST 18, CALLING
NORTH KOREAN INVOLVEMENT "COLLECTIVE MURDER".

2. AT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF ROK THIRD MILITARY ACADEMY,
PRESIDENT'S SPEECH SAID "A MAD DOG NEEDS A STICK" AND THERE
IS NO REASON THAT (ROK) ALWAYS HAS TO BE UNILATERALLY
PROVOKED BY NORTH KOREANS. HE SAID "OUR PATIENCE IS LIMITED.
FROM NOW ON, IF THEY COMMIT UNLAWFUL PROVOCATIONS AGAINST US,
WE WILL HAVE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE PUNITIVE ACTIONS, WHETHER SMALL
OR LARGE, AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS SHALL BE BORNE BY
NORTH KOREAN COMMUNISTS THEMSELVES."

3. PAK ALSO SUGGESTED IN SPEECH THAT SUCH PROVOCATIONS AS ONE
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AT PANMUNJOM WERE NORTH KOREAN MEANS OF CONCEALING ITS

"ECONOMIC BANKRUPTCY" AND ITS "SERIOUS (INTERNAL) POWER STRUGGLE." HE SAID THAT NORTH HAS SENT ARMED AGENTS SOUTH TO DESTROY ROK DEFENSES BUT FAILED, AND ALSO NOTED MACHINE GUN FIRING BY NORTH KOREAN GUARDS ON AUGUST 5.

4. IN SUMMARY, HE ASKED ROK PEOPLE TO BUILD UP TOTAL SECURITY SYSTEM AND THAT ALL SHOULD UNIFY INCLUDING "FRONT, REAR, OLD AND YOUNG" TO DEFEND FATHERLAND.

5. SPEECH WAS GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE BY AUGUST 20 AFTERNOON PRESS BUT EDITORIAL OPINION HAS NOT YET EMERGED. STERN

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